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10/756,675	01/13/2004	Rudolf Neumann	057517/0053	2578

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND DEVICE TO CHECK THE BEARING GAP OF A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING

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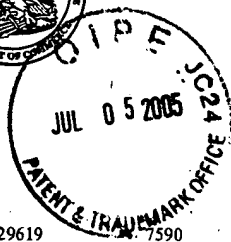
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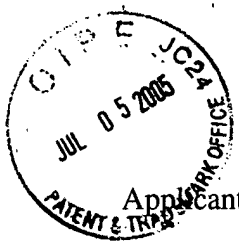
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